

Consul Reports An Eventful Term At 532 Beacon Street

The scrutiny of the MIT Greek system continued this term as Kappa Sigma and Alpha Tau Omega received unusual sentences from the Cambridge Licensing Committee (CLC). Both were placed on alcohol probation and will not be allowed to enter their residences for a period of 15 days at the beginning of the next school year, which includes and will greatly affect their rush. Kappa Sigma is being punished by the CLC for infractions committed during an open party where the Cambridge Police Department (CPD) was called in after fights broke out. Alpha Tau Omega is being punished for a party thrown New Year's Eve that also involved the CPD. ATO has debrothered and evicted the person responsible for that party. What previously has been considered a problem exclusive to Boston-side fraternities has spread campus-wide.

Unfortunately, Alpha Theta has also been exposed to this scrutiny. The Boston Police Department shut down an open non-alcoholic party we threw over Campus Preview Weekend, claiming littering and fire code violations because of an excess number of guests. All of these claims were false and indicative of the

intense conflict between MIT fraternities and the Boston Police Department and the Boston Licensing Board. The police department's actions that night were completely out of line and were an egregious abuse of power. Nevertheless, we emerged unscathed and remain MIT's model fraternity.

As the year winds down, I realize that we have maintained a fast-paced schedule of events this term in our ongoing effort to strengthen our brotherhood. Province conference this year was up in Dalhousie. Brothers Roger Nielsen and Raudel Rodriguez drove back with the pledge rock of the Gamma Rho Chapter in retaliation for our still missing swords. For spring break, many brothers traveled to South Padre Island to take in the sun and came back with many outrageous stories of revelry. The beginning of April found us up in New Hampshire once again for rush retreat, where we educated the freshmen on the ways and wiles of the awesome Sigma Chi rush machine; it was also a great time for bonding and relaxing.

In mid-April, Alpha Theta participated in Derby Days with the Kappa Eta Chapter of Sigma Chi at Harvard along

with three other Sigma Chi chapters and six local sororities. We teamed up with Tri Delta Sorority of BU and jumped to the lead after initial fund-raising efforts. After games of touch football, relay races, soccer, volleyball, and tug-of-war, we had maintained our lead, but deferred to Harvard, the hosting chapter, during the singles auction, finally placing a very respectable second. The real winners of Derby Days were the children of the Genesis Fund, the Children's Miracle Network, and local school Cambridge 1-2-1, who received over \$3,000 from our combined efforts.

In other chapter news, Alpha Theta held a successful Alumni Day on Sunday, April 30. Local alumni joined us for a day of barbecues and softball and once again to experience a ritualistic chapter meeting. We hope to establish it as a yearly tradition. Also, the renovation plans and capital campaign are nearly reaching fruition. The brothers here, in coordination with members of the corporation, are looking to bring 532 Beacon into the 21st century.

In hoc,
Richard Yeh '01
Consul



The menacing pledge class of 2003 after initiation.



Actives pose for a group picture at Harvard during the first Harvard Derby Days.

Our Jock Chair Provides A Rundown On Varsity Sports

Larry Aller '00 anchored a strong MIT swim team. Larry's extraordinary performance throughout the year helped his team pull off another winning 5-3 season and rank number one in the conference. Unfortunately, he will be graduating this year and will not be participating in any more MIT varsity athletics, but we salute him for a job well done and congratulate him on a wonderful four years of athletic achievement.

Robert Finn '02 tore up the squash courts with his amazing speed and deadly forehand. He was the sixth single on the team with an impressive record of 9-5 overall. Rob traveled to Yale for the national tournament during spring break and performed very well.

Nick Kulkarni '02 was an integral part of the MIT varsity Nordic skiing team this past winter season. The team performed well at the U.S. Collegiate Ski Association Championships. In addition

to skiing in the winter, Nick also played A-side rugby for MIT in the spring.

Having to wake up early every morning all year round, Danny Craig '03 showed his commitment and love to his freshman crew team by rowing his heart out every day. The team's recent victories against Columbia's freshman team and Harvard's varsity third boat marked an impressive season. Keep rowing hard, Danny!

Roger Nielson '01 multi-vented, and Kevin Wang '03 ran hurdles for MIT. Roger closed out a solid season competing in the hurdles and the high jump. Due to surgery, Kevin was not able to compete this past season but has made a complete and healthy recovery. The MIT team had an undefeated winter season and won the New England Division III Championships. During the spring season, it was again undefeated.

Jason Poff '02, an athlete of promising

potential and true passion on the MIT varsity baseball team, finished the season with a sterling batting average. Despite backing up the second baseman, Jason managed to make important contributions to the team when he was able to play. We will be watching him as he progresses through the MIT organization.

Chester Bai '01 and I played for the varsity lacrosse team. Chester would have been a starting defenseman, but a heart-breaking injury to his quadriceps sidelined him for most of the season. We wish him luck as he recovers from the calcium deposits in his legs. I paid my dues on the third string of the team, playing at mid-field. I look forward to developing a bigger role in the future. There is no doubt that we will be a major force on the team.

WooJin Choi '03
Jock Chair

Shingles, Nails, Backache—A Tale Of Serving Others

Every year in the fall, the Alpha Theta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity travels to a YMCA camp in New Hampshire to help prepare for the upcoming blisteringly cold winter season. My first visit this past fall to "Herbies," as it is commonly referred to, was one of the most rewarding experiences that I have ever had. We took down a cabin, fixed other cabins that were in dire need of repair, painted the cafeteria, stripped the tar off of a roof and reapplied new tar with brooms, and generally cleaned up the campground. I was grouped with a team of eight, and our main task was to set up new shingles on

the roof of the cafeteria over the old ones. Although it sounds pretty simple, it was rather difficult.

My first job was to carry these shingles on my shoulder up the ladder. The shingles themselves weighed about fifty pounds per pack of 10, and carrying them up the ladder for about 12 feet was incredibly strenuous. There were about a hundred bundles to carry up, which took quite awhile. After this, we had to line the roof with chalk so that the shingles were spaced evenly when we nailed them down. Two people paired up with each other across the whole roof with a nail gun and a hammer. One person

would hold the shingles down, lining them up to the chalk line, as the other nailed the four corners of the rectangular shingle. If a nail was not properly driven, we had to use the hammer to yank it out and then start over again. For the most part, once we started nailing down these shingles across the roof, we were on a roll. The task was a killer on all of our backs because the roof had a sharp angle and was quite slippery. Our pace was not consistent because we would take breaks and get distracted, but we helped each other fight through and finish as quickly as possible. It took the team about seven hours to complete the job.

At the end, we just lay on the roof and chugged soda, looking at the beautiful lake. Although we were all exhausted, we were proud of what we had accomplished and achieved as a team. It felt great to help fix up a summer camp and so give relief to those who worked there, but, most important, it was a rewarding experience because we knew the camp would foster many fond memories for children.

Other community service events that the house participated in included the Boxtown Sleepout, to raise money for the homeless, and the Walk for Hunger, to raise money for the hungry. The brothers who raised money and participated in the Sleepout slept in boxes in front of Kresge Auditorium along with others from the MIT community on the night of Saturday, May 6.

WooJin Choi '03
Community Service Chair



Brothers gather at Commonwealth Avenue to cheer on their fellows running in the 2000 Boston Marathon.

Many Renovation Plans And Home Improvements Help Build Excitement At Alpha Theta

An exciting time is upon us at 532 Beacon. Over the next couple of years,



Brother Danny Craig '03 poses with the new mantel he built for the house.

the home of Alpha Theta will be renewed, restored, and modernized. Earlier this year, the corporate board, under the leadership of President Mark Curtiss '87, established the Building Needs Committee, headed by Mike DeLaus '82. The committee has met numerous times now and recently took a tour of several recently renovated FSILGs and Baker House. Architect Mark Landsberg, who has been involved in many building projects with MIT FSILGs, guided the tour, highlighting what to do and what not to do.

The renovation is still in its infancy, with most of the planning still to come. But the general consensus among both actives and alumni is to bring the house into the 21st century while retaining the historic look and character that we all know and love. With the upcoming 2002

change in rush, our living environment will become even more important to attracting new members since they will have an entire year to become accustomed to the dormitories. Therefore, a major design priority is to provide the nicest possible, least crowded living space while keeping house bills reasonable. This means we must increase the amount of living floor space per person, most likely through the addition of a fifth floor, as our next-door neighbors at Phi Kappa Sigma recently did. And, of course, a roof deck on top of that new addition is essential.

Further proposed major changes include replacing the heating and

ventilation system, rewiring our electrical and network systems, bringing the kitchens up to restaurant standards, and upgrading all the bathrooms to commercial standards. Obviously, such an ambitious plan to make our house shine will require many hours of planning and work, but it will also need support from everyone who has lived in and come to love 532 Beacon. Don't be shy, either—we'll have plenty of items to name after

people. If you would like to get involved in our undertaking, don't hesitate to send me an e-mail at drccraig@mit.edu, especially if you have any new ideas or miss a feature from the past that no longer exists. Also, if you have any old pictures of the house, please send copies; we'd love to know how our brothers lived in days gone by. The more information we receive, the better we can restore our beloved home.

In other house related news, we installed a new toilet on the second floor as well as a new mantel for the music room. We also replaced the couches in the library. Come by any time to see these new improvements and visit the house you know and love.

Danny Craig '03
House Manager



Brothers (from left to right) Tony Kim '03, Rory Edwards '03, Raudel Rodriguez '03, and Woojin Choi '03 help to move our new couches into the library.

Spring Formal Concludes Busy, Diverse Social Calendar

Sigma Chi has experienced one of its most diverse and busy social calendars these past four months. The term started out with one of the largest parties the chapter had seen in a long time: a widely publicized and extremely successful costume party. Brothers spent the greater part of the weekend looking for the perfect outfit while college students in the Boston area came dressed for the occasion, as well.

The next large event of the term was MIT's Campus Preview Weekend (CPW), where the pre-frosh came to visit the school. The chapter had a barbecue as well as a large party with

exceptional turnout. The events during the weekend allowed the pre-frosh to get a sense of what social life is like at Sigma Chi.

Along with holding several mixers with MIT sororities and Wellesley societies, Alpha Thetas participated in a Derby Days fund raiser with four other Sigma Chi chapters: Harvard (hosting), Boston University, Dalhousie, and Oswego. Each Sigma Chi chapter was paired with a sorority, and the Boston University Tri Deltas became Alpha Theta's partner for the day.

The term ended with the annual spring formal. Dinner was served at

Anthony's Pier 4, followed by a boat cruise around the bay. All 32 active brothers attended as well as alumni Dave Day '98 and Adam D'Amico '99, who was the DJ.

Sigma Chi's weekly tradition of tea on Wednesday nights has become a well-known study break on and off campus. Along with Peter Hadley's ('72) return from Seattle, tea attracted women from around the Boston area to come socialize with the brothers and take a break from studying.

Anthony Kim '03
Social Co-chair

Our Alumni Report Their News From Far And Near

“Since I did not graduate with my 1942 class at MIT,” writes JOHN E. SIMONDS ’42, “I never considered myself a complete Beaver Sig. I left school in 1940 for the U.S. Army and married Dorothy, who visited 502 Beacon Street. When the war was over and I was discharged in 1946 from Fort Dix, I had one son, John III, born while I was in the service. We also had one daughter, born in 1948. I spent 18 years designing and manufacturing commercial dishwashing machines for Faspray Corporation in Red Bank, New Jersey. Also, I spent 25 years as production manager and later in sales with Construction Specialties, Inc., in Lebanon, New Jersey, and helped open a branch in San Marcos, California. In 1983 I retired and helped son John with his now thriving manufacturing business. Dorothy, the brains of the outfit, has endured me for 57 years. We enjoy our family, our hill-top home in San Marcos, our son’s cabin on 600-plus acres in Montana, our four grandchildren, our Pomeranian dog, and a 20-year-old cat—and most of all we enjoy life.” Send John best wishes at 1419 Fulton Rd., San Marcos, CA 92069.

Pens JOHN J. FREIBERGER ’45, “I am reporting on Eleanor and BILL SCOTT ’44. Bill (Scotty), many will remember, was very active and had a wonderful, optimistic personality. We married two sisters from Mineral Wells, Texas, in 1950. After removing some of Scotty’s less polished edges, Eleanor presented three

sons to the then Texas Instruments engineer and proud father. In April this happy couple celebrated their 50th golden wedding anniversary. Please write to them at 6636 Briarcove, Dallas, TX 75240.” Write John at 7407 Stonecrest Dr., Dallas, TX 75240.

Announces JAMES G. VERAS ’49, “I married Betty on September 4, 1999. Went to L.A. from New York (East meets West) on a blind date and fell in love within three days. We are very happy.” Jim keeps in touch with HOWARD E. HENDERSHOTT ’49 and CARL BERGMANN ’49. “Carry on in the principles of Sigma Chi. Doing so has served me and my classmates very well.” Send Jim and Betty congratulations at 33 Graham Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583; jim@wec.com.

“I am, and have been for some years, on the board of the MIT Enterprise Forum of Texas, which has a scholarship fund for grad students from Houston or Texas,” reports ROBERT W. TEMPLE ’55 (14134 Blue Bird Lane, Houston, TX 77079; e-mail: temple12@flash.net). “This is not limited to the Sloan School and could be someone from computer engineering, chemical engineering, or elsewhere. It’s not big but may give a Sig a head start because there aren’t that many going after it. The dean of the grad school

is in charge. I hope there are some Sigs interested and eligible.” Bob passes along the following e-mail addresses of brothers: BLEVINS DUNKLIN ’55 (blev1@home.com), BOB KIEHN ’50 (rkiehn2352@aol.com), RAY SAUER ’53 (rwsauer@bellatlantic.net), RICHARD LYKE ’54 (lyke@megsinet.net), RAY RIVERO ’54 (rivero@home.com), and JOE BRAZZATTI ’54 (joebraz@hypercon.com). Also, Bob keeps in touch with HAROLDO FALCAO ’50, TOM DUPREE ’55, AL SKANE ’55, and FLETCH HOSMER ’53. Bob adds, “Looks like you did a great rush job in view of the difficulties. Congrats.”

Writes ALAN L. DAVIS ’69, “Life is great right now. I’m on sabbatical at Intel’s new design center in Austin, Texas. Yeah, yeah, what’s a ski bum doing in Texas? Well, the music scene here is unbelievable, and the work on the new killer micro for 2004 is fun and a welcome respite from academia. I look forward to a backpacking trip in Wyoming’s Wind River Range in August with ’69 Alpha Theta classmates JIM BLACK and ROLF BRAUCHLER. Fortunately, Jim has a son who is in shape, so we’re going to make him carry the whiskey. You don’t expect us to sing drinking songs with water?” Greet Alan at 1501 S. Mopac, #400, Austin, TX 78746; ald@cs.utah.edu.



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From left to right: Peter Hadley ’72, Brian Hubert ’95, Mads Schmidt ’98, Phil Kim ’99, Kumar Das ’99, Adam D’Amico ’99, and Dave Day ’98 chill out in front of the mantel on Alumni Day.